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GENERAL HASSAN TOUFANIAN, VICE MINISTER OF WAR, WILL VISIT SAUDI ARABIA BEGINNING OCTOBER 6. THIS SUDDEN TRIP IS ON ORDERS OF THE SHAH WHO IS CONCERNED THAT THE SFRC VOTE OF 11 TO 2 IN FAVOR OF F-16 SALE TO IRAN COMPARES UNFAVORABLY WITH THE SFRC VOTE OF 8 TO 6 AGAINST THE MAVERICK MISSILE SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA. THE SHAH APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT THIS DIFFERENCE MAY CAUSE FRICTION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND GENERAL TOUFANIAN IS BEING SENT IN AN EFFORT TO MOLLIFY THE SAUDI ARABIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HELMS

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